

FALLS CHURCH POLICE DEPARTMENT 2001 YEARLY REPORT

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SAFETY AND EDUCATION TEAM

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Dear Mr. McKeever:

I am pleased to present the Police Department's Annual Report for CY 2001. I am very proud to share our accomplishments as the Department dealt with the changing demands for services.

It is because of the Department's dedicated and hard working personnel that we have been able to reduce the incidents of crime and provide for the safety of our citizens. It is only through the efforts of employees that any organization or government can provide for the needs of its customers or citizens.

As you review the graphs and charts, you will note that UCR Part I Offenses were up 2% compared to CY 00. The largest increase was in the category of stolen autos which increased by 55% and mirrors similar increases in the region. We did see a 5% decrease in accidents and a 45% decrease in accidents with injuries.

As we celebrate the new Millennium, I look forward to the challenges that we face with great confidence! Much of our success during CY 01 is due to the ability of the department to fill vacant positions and maintain our authorized strength. I wish to thank the members of the Police Department for their dedication to excellence and I thank the Mayor and Council for their continued support.



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FUTURE GOALS

The Department has accomplished much in the last year and has always strived to be innovative in its approach to providing the best law enforcement services to the City. This has been accomplished through the prudent utilization of resources and technology.

As we progress, we must continue to provide the necessary resources to the officers and staff through state-of-the-art technology. We can no longer rely on traditional means of combating crime and must acquire the latest in technological advances.

One of the most pressing issues facing the Department is the planned upgrading of our radio system to 800 MHz Frequency. This will ensure that for the foreseeable future, we will be compatible with other law enforcement agencies in the region. This upgrade is a major financial investment by the City, but it will be critical to future interaction and communications with neighboring jurisdictions.

The Department has received a federal grant and will shortly begin to install our own computer system for the cruisers. In past years we utilized a system from the Arlington County Police Department that is now obsolete and unavailable to our Department. A computer system provides officers with the ability to check individuals, motor vehicles, and property for wanted or stolen status. This information is critical and could be life-saving during vehicle stops and other contacts with wanted or suspicious subjects.

We anticipate that with the upgraded and integrated computer system between the cruisers and the new Records Management System, officers will have a mostly paperless reporting system. Officers would additionally be able to file reports and search our records system without having to respond to Headquarters. This will allow officers to remain on street patrol and provide better service.

The Department and the City must continue to be aggressive in the pursuit of grants in order to supplement the resources available through the budget. This past year the Department received authorization for funds or will benefit from two federal grants and one state grant. The Department also received federal funding for the purchase and replacement of bulletproof vests in the current fiscal year. We plan to continue to search out available grants in the future, but the process has become increasingly competitive among the Virginia jurisdictions. In most cases the grants do require matching funds or in-kind services on the part of the City.

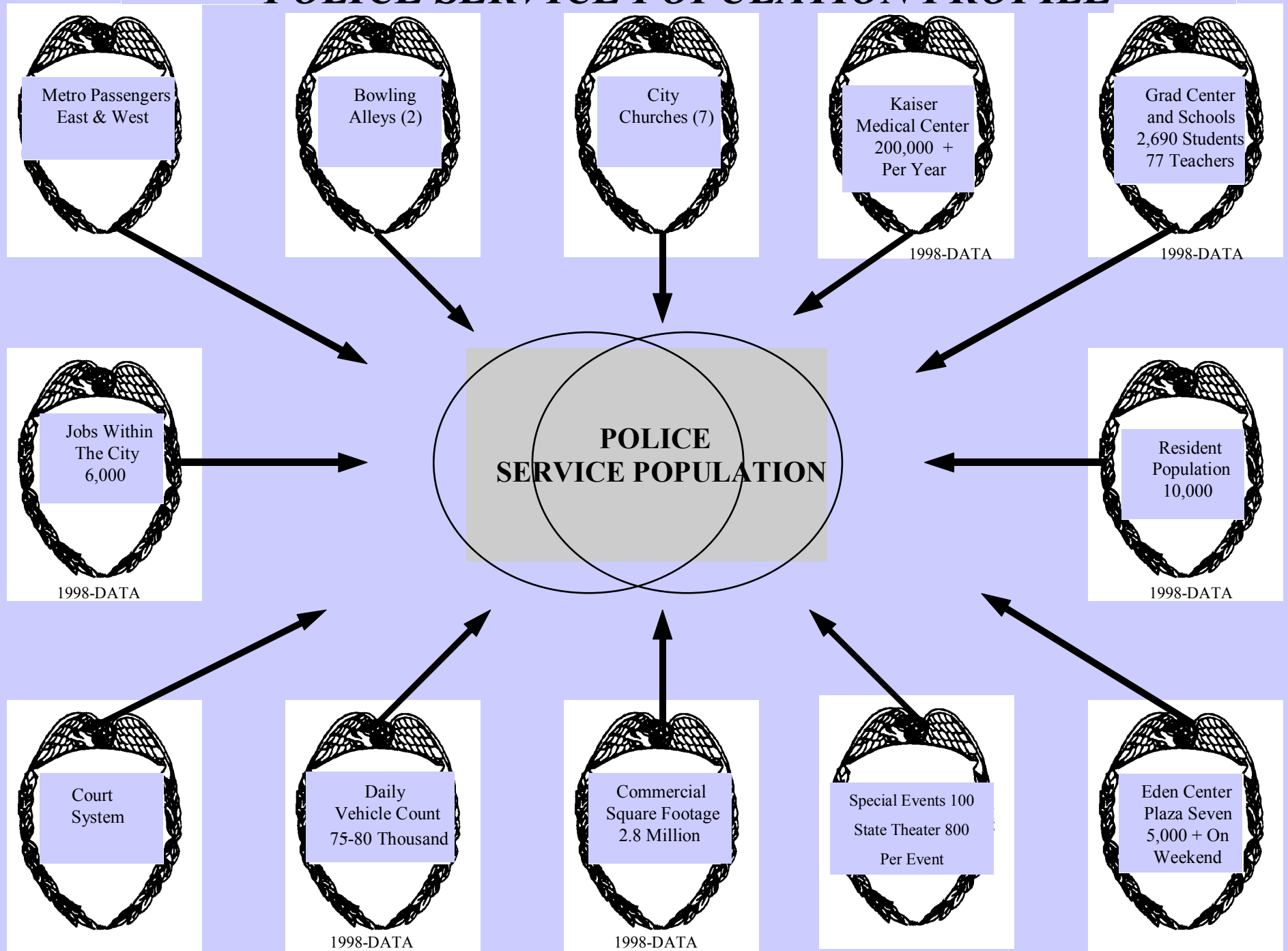
With all this in mind, we must continue the practice of the past in providing for the needs of the citizens, businesses and visitors in our City. We will have to work closely with the entire community to ensure that we meet their individual needs while implementing the many changes envisioned for the City. I am confident that with the personnel who currently comprise the Department, we can and will meet the many challenges of the future.

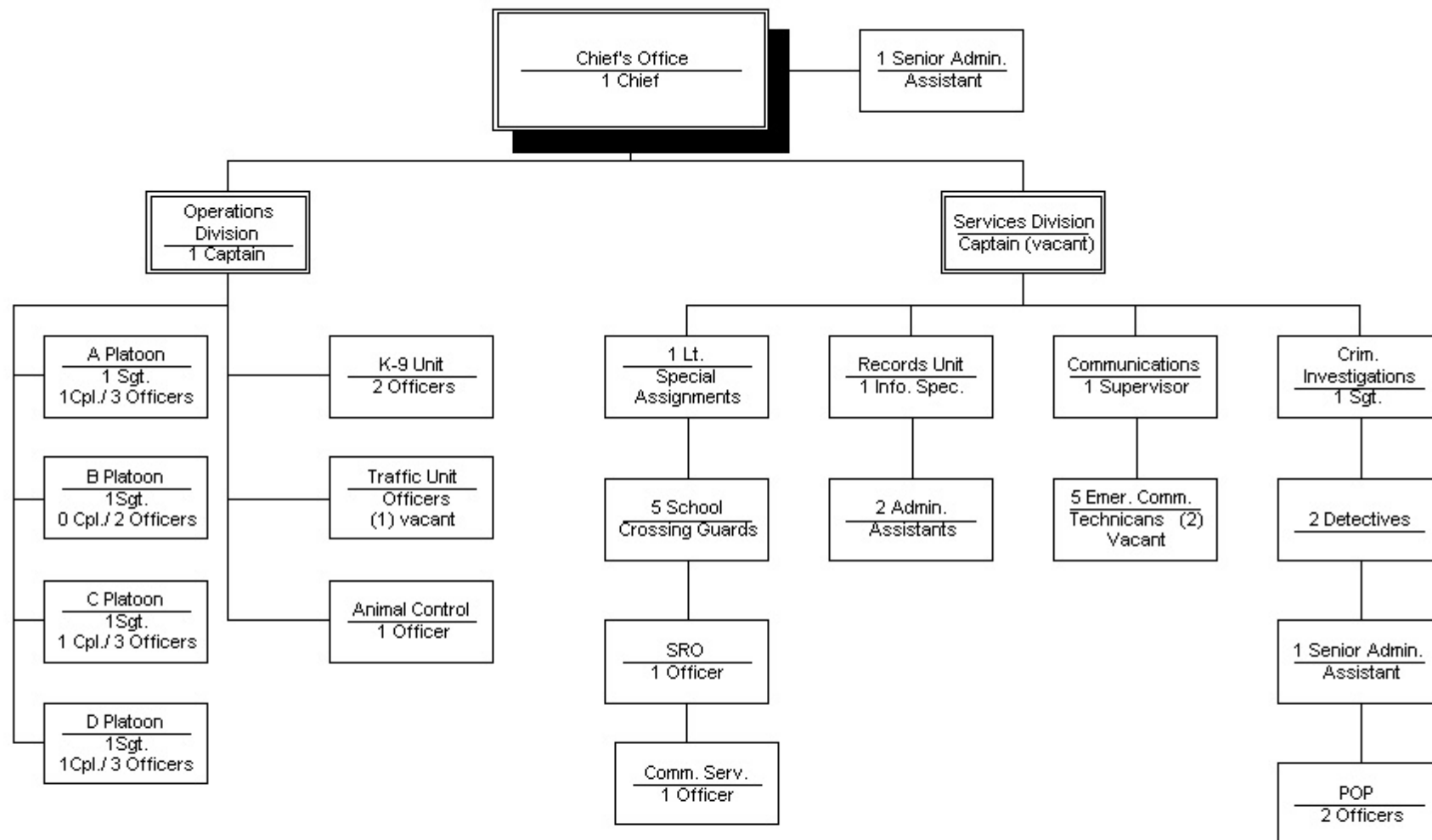
FALLS CHURCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

The officers and staff of the Falls Church Police Department are committed to providing a safe environment for all citizens to work and live in by protecting life, property, and preserving peace within the community. The Falls Church Police Department has the responsibility to maintain public safety and order through the enforcement of criminal laws and traffic regulations; development and deployment of effective crime prevention education programs that include children, residents, and business owners; proper research and analysis of the service area; and coordination of interagency communications with other organizations in the criminal justice system.

POLICE SERVICE POPULATION PROFILE



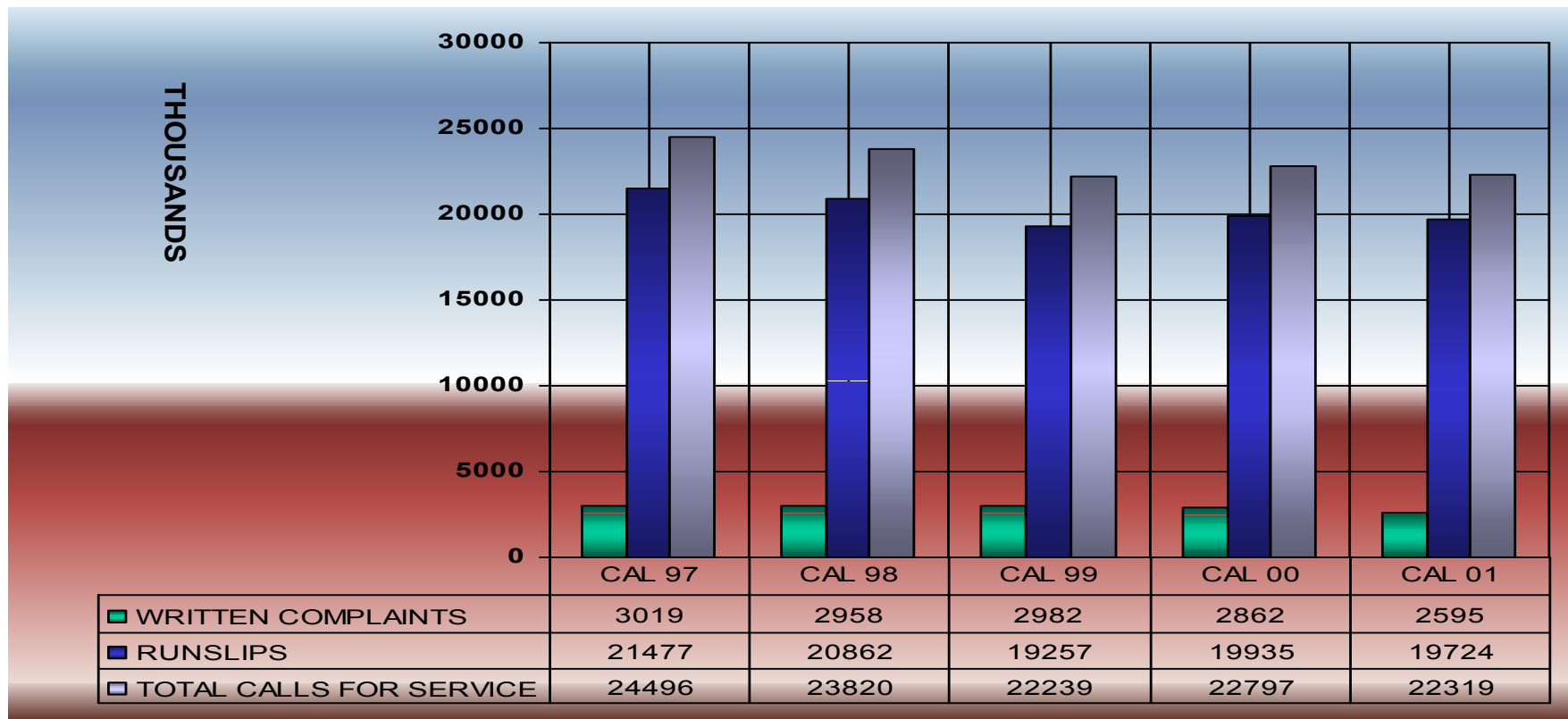


Authorized
Strength
Sworn
32
Civilian
11
Crossing Guards 5
Total
48

Vacant 2 Sworn

DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE CALLS FOR SERVICE

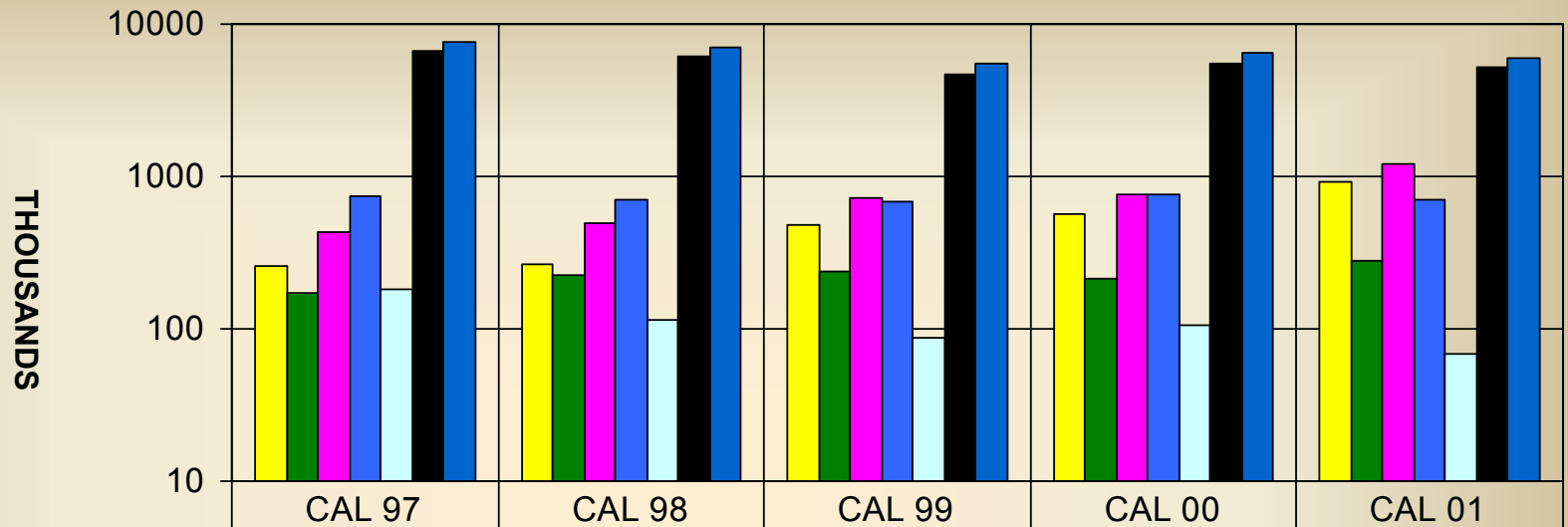
Department performance in the area of calls for service includes written complaints and run slips. Written complaints include reports of crimes committed, dogs at large, accident investigations, background investigations and non-criminal activity. Run slips are calls for service responded to but no written report was taken. The chart below shows the total calls for service handled by members of Operations, Investigations and Animal Control. Overall, the Police Department was down 2% over last year for all calls for service.



The average response time to emergency calls was **6.18 minutes**, up **2.75** from **2000**. The average response time to all calls was **6.26 minutes**, down **1.05** from **2000**.

DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE ARRESTS & PARKING TICKETS

The chart below shows the total arrests made by members of Uniform Patrol, Investigations and Animal Control. Total arrests include arrests made for Part I and Part II Offenses. Parking tickets issued include tickets for Handicap, Fire Lane and City Sticker violations. Overall, the Police Department was down 6.2% from Calendar Year 00 to 01 for all violations.

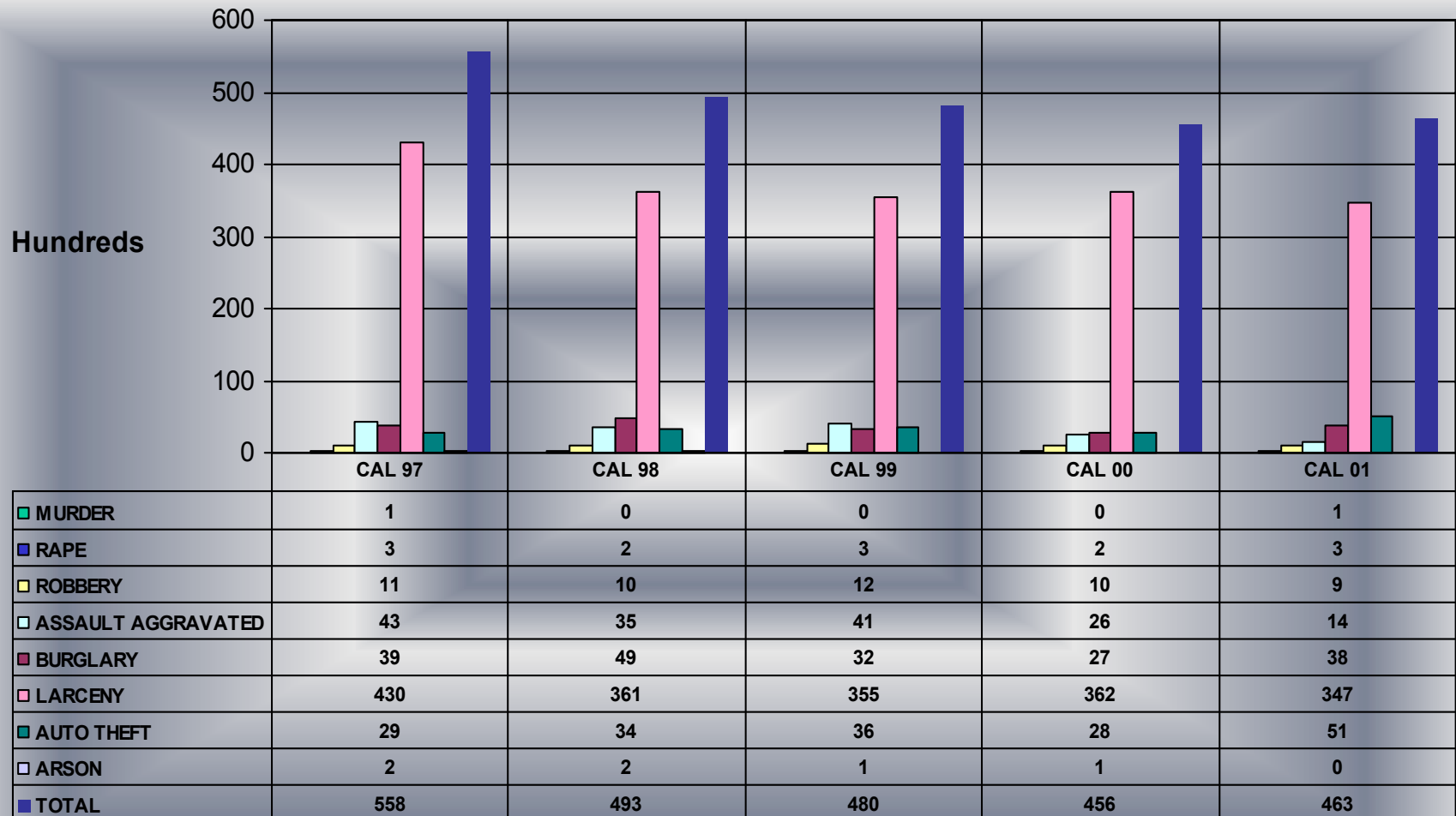


OTHER PARKING	260	262	484	559	934
PARKING/CITY STICKERS	172	228	237	213	278
TOTAL PARKING	432	490	721	772	1212
MISDEMEANOR (PART II)	735	711	677	765	707
FELONY (PART I)	183	116	87	107	69
TRAFFIC	6611	6175	4705	5554	5251
TOTAL ARRESTS	7529	7002	5469	6426	6027

ARRESTS & PARKING TOTALS

PART I OFFENSES (UCR)

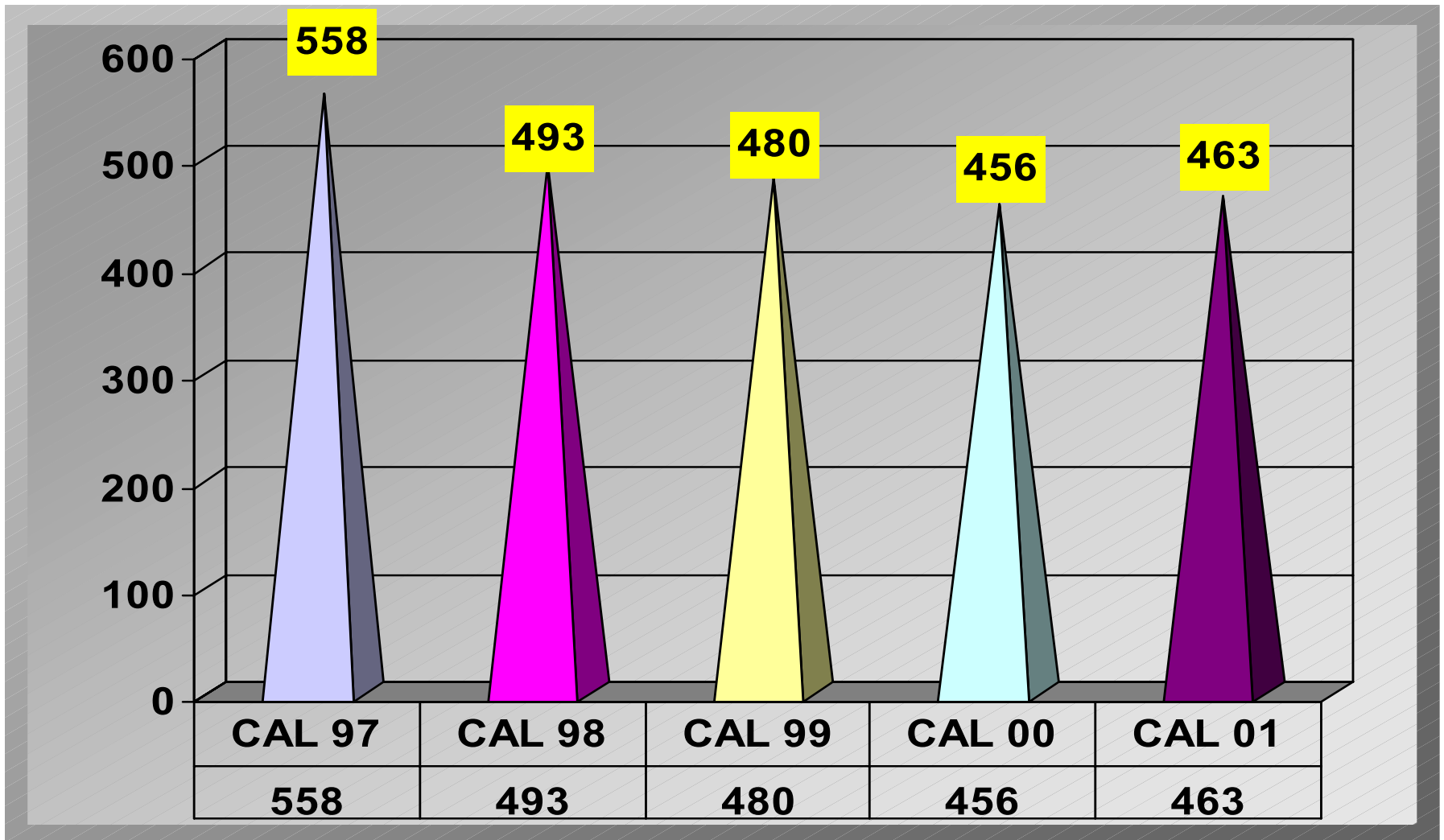
Part I Offenses or Serious Crime totals were up in 2001. A slight increase was seen in the areas of burglary and auto theft. The F.B.I. classifies serious crime as "Index Crime". They include Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny (both Grand and Petty), Auto Theft and Arson. The chart below indicates the Part I Offenses trend for the City of Falls Church. Overall, **Part I Offenses were up over last year by 2%.**



TOTAL PART I OFFENSES

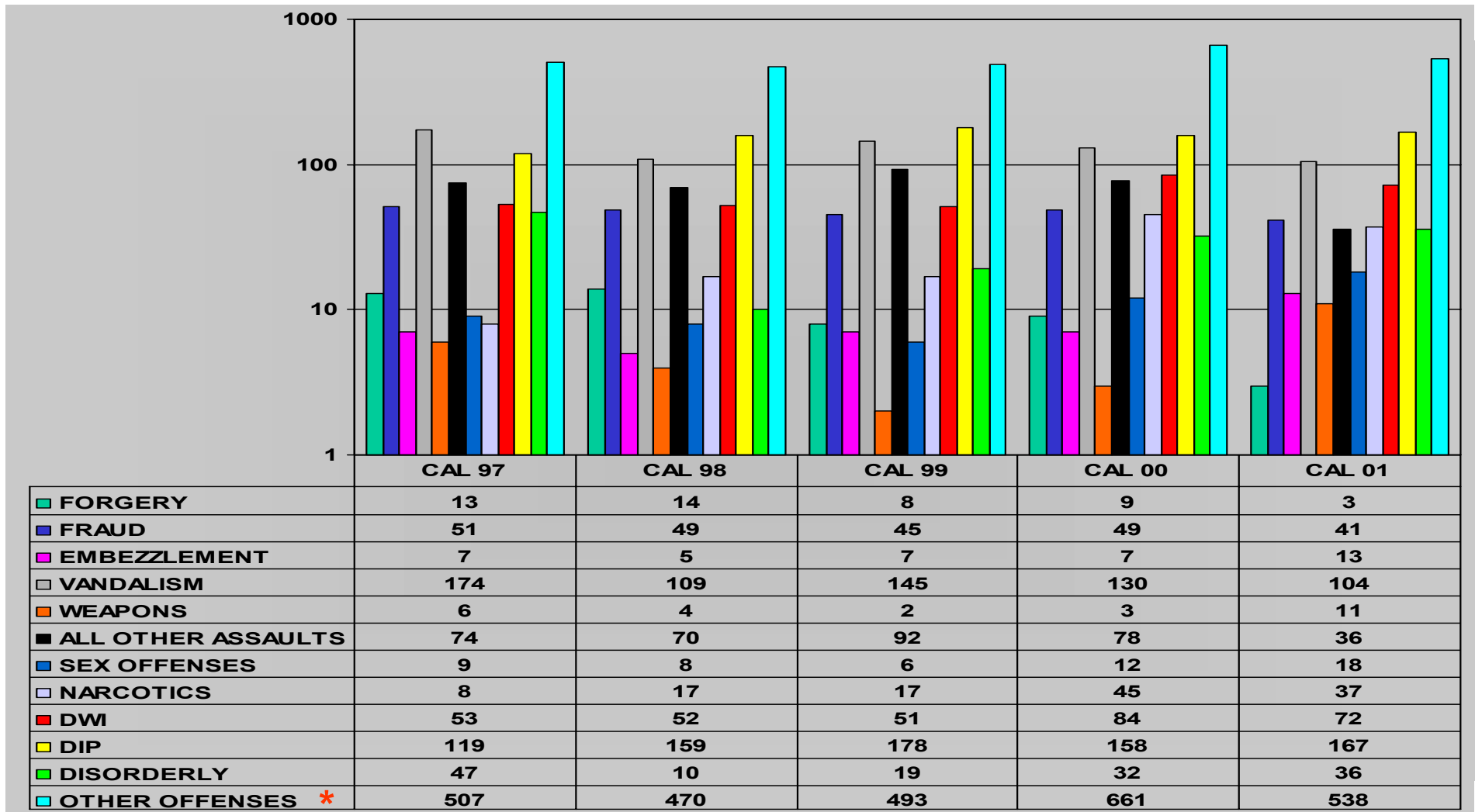
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CALENDAR YEAR 1997 - 2001



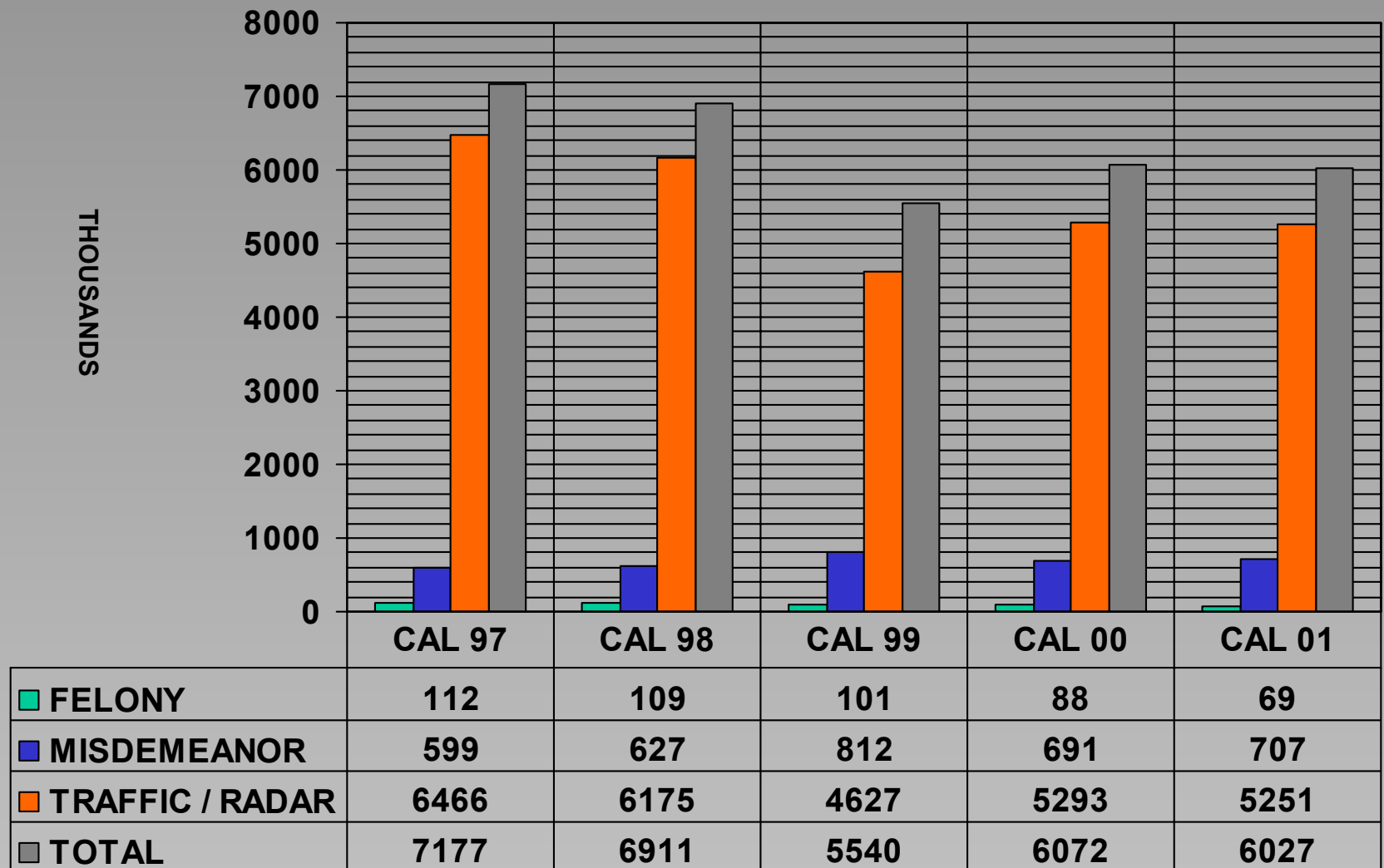
PART II OFFENSES

Part II Offenses are all other offenses not classified as “Index Crimes” by the F.B.I. They include Forgery, Fraud, Embezzlement, Vandalism, Weapons, Sex Offenses, Narcotics, Driving While Intoxicated, Drunk In Public, Disorderly Conduct and others. The chart below indicates the Part II Offenses trend for the City of Falls Church. * False Alarms were moved out of Other Offenses and placed in Public Service Calls for 1997.



TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS

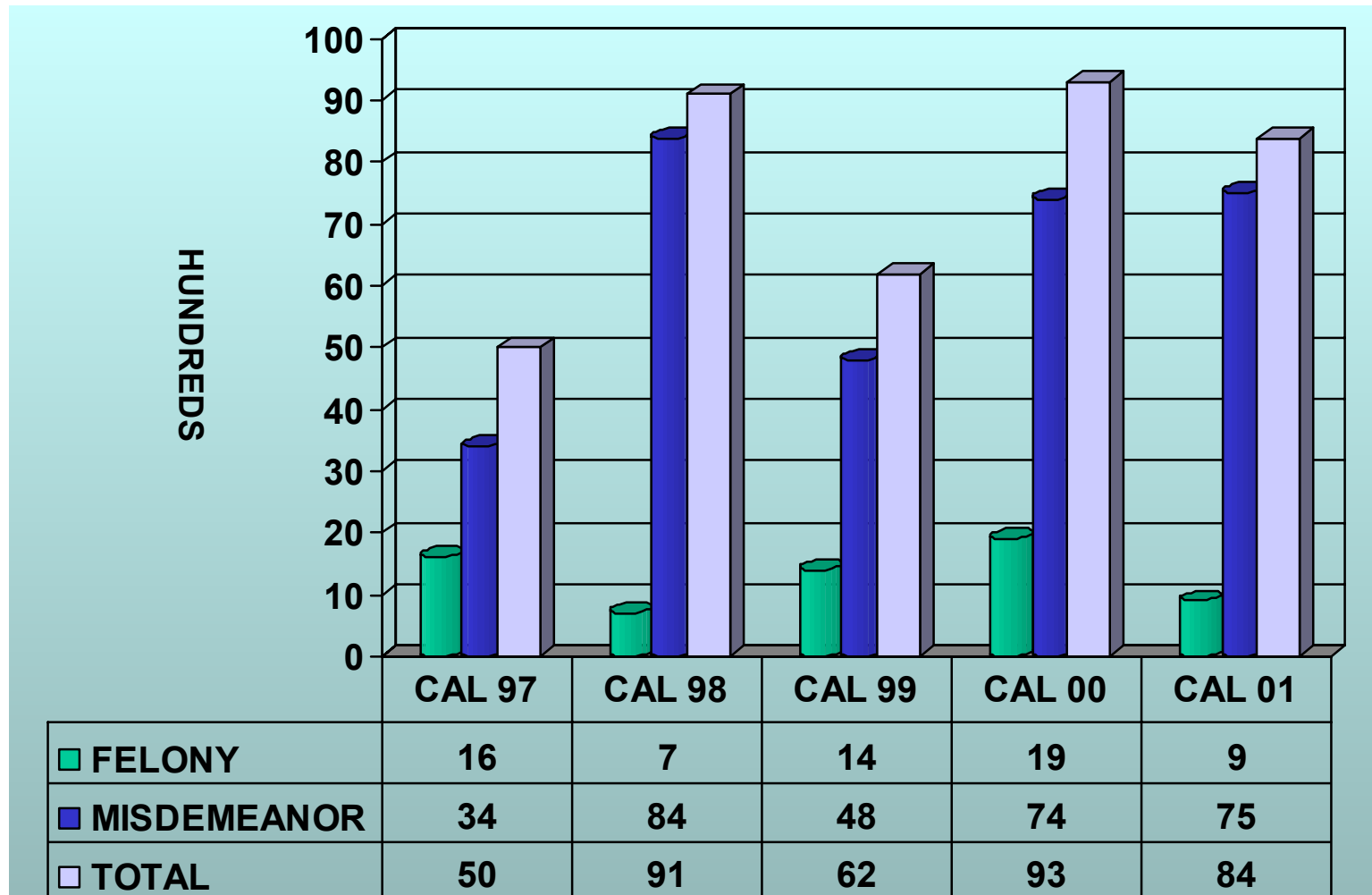
Total adult arrests include any person eighteen and over who was arrested for a Felony or Misdemeanor offense or any traffic violation. Overall, the Police Department is down 0.7% in adult criminal and traffic arrests from last year.



TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS

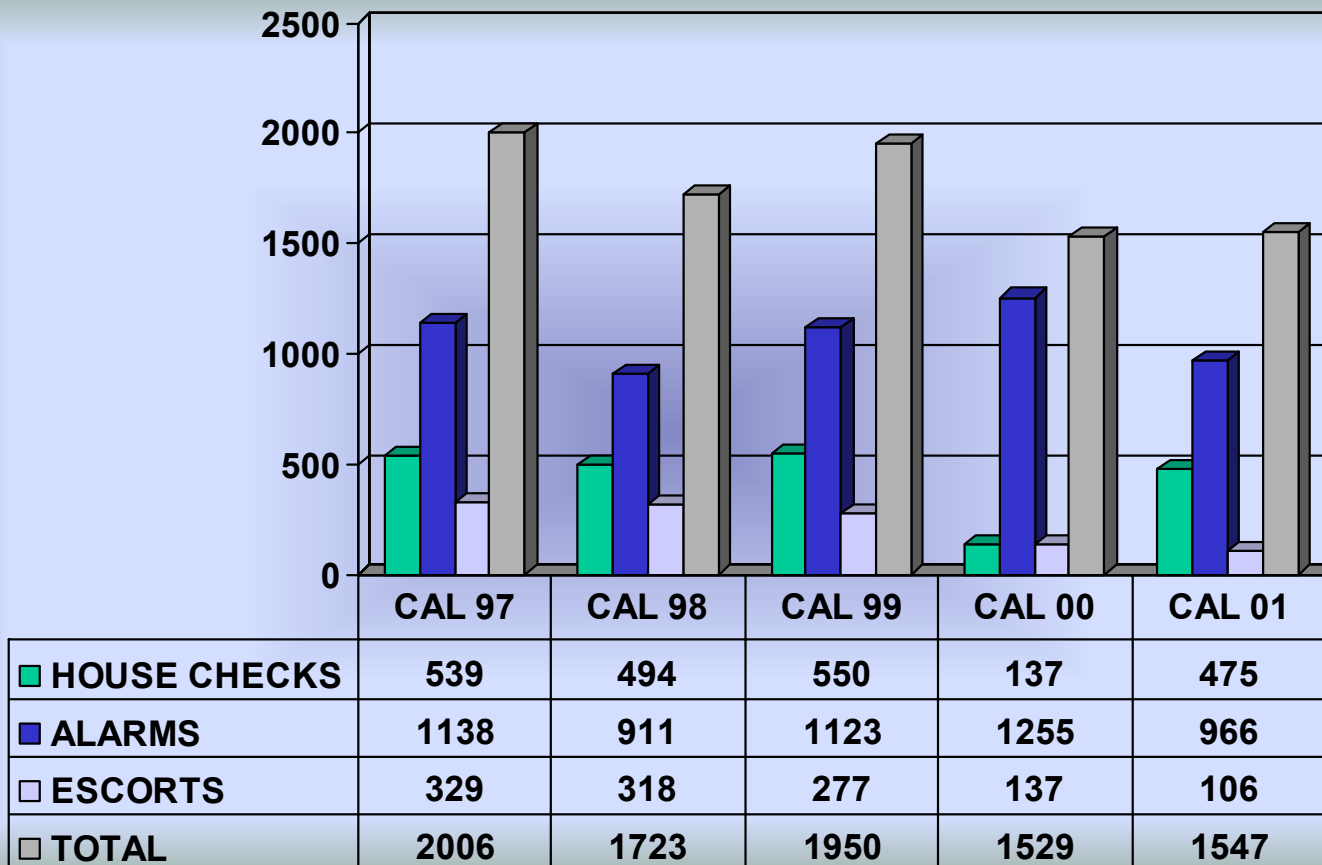
Total juvenile arrests include any person under eighteen years old who was arrested for a Felony or Misdemeanor offense. Juvenile arrests were down 9.7% in 2001.

*Juvenile traffic arrest are no longer available but are included in the total traffics arrests.



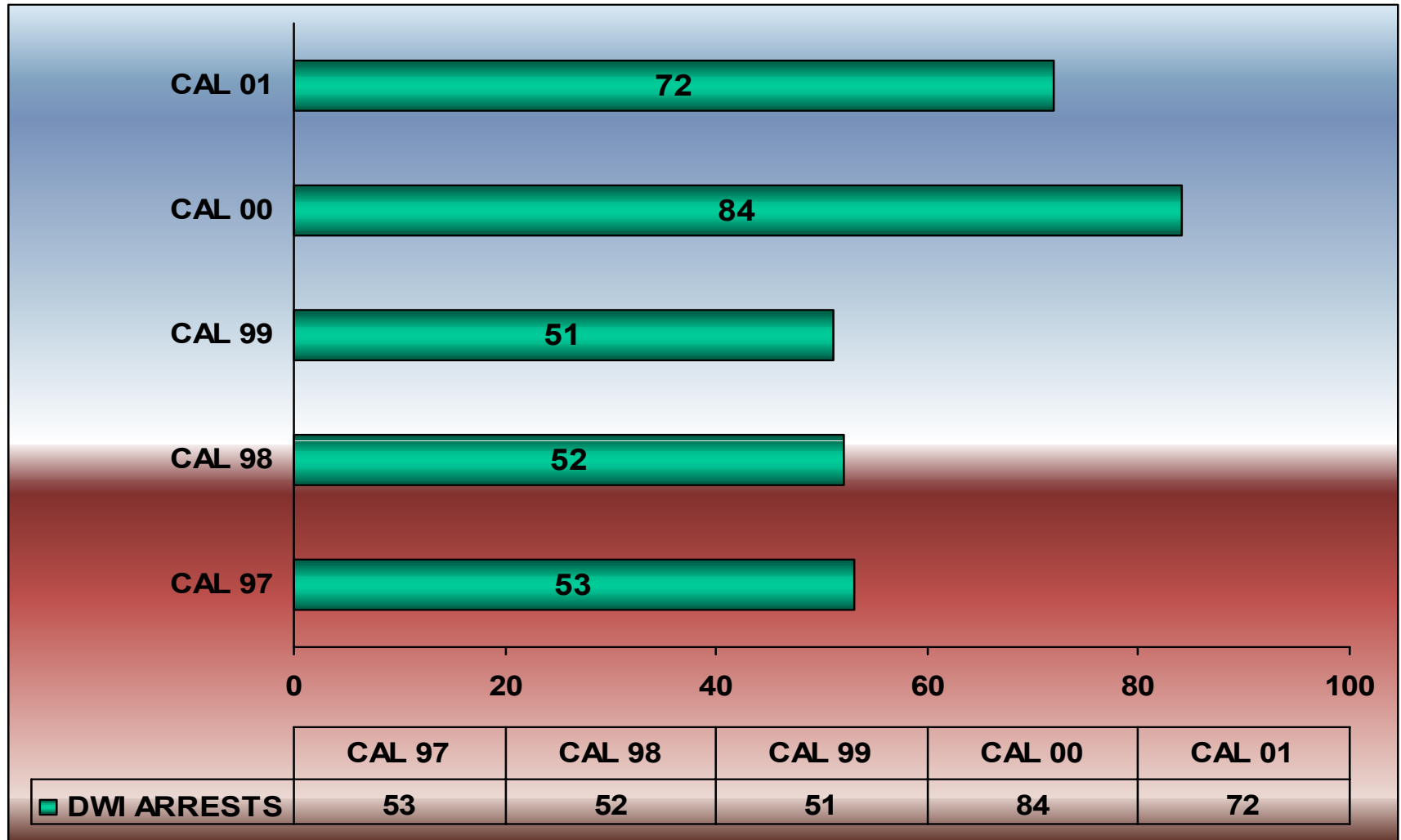
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS

Public Service Calls cover a wide range of activities for police service. The following are some of the public service calls officers handle: House checks-when a citizen goes on vacation they can request a daily check of their home while they are away. This department is one of the few in Northern Virginia that still does house checks; False Alarms (Residential, Commercial, City and Schools)-unless there is a break-in or robbery, this type of alarm is listed as a public service.



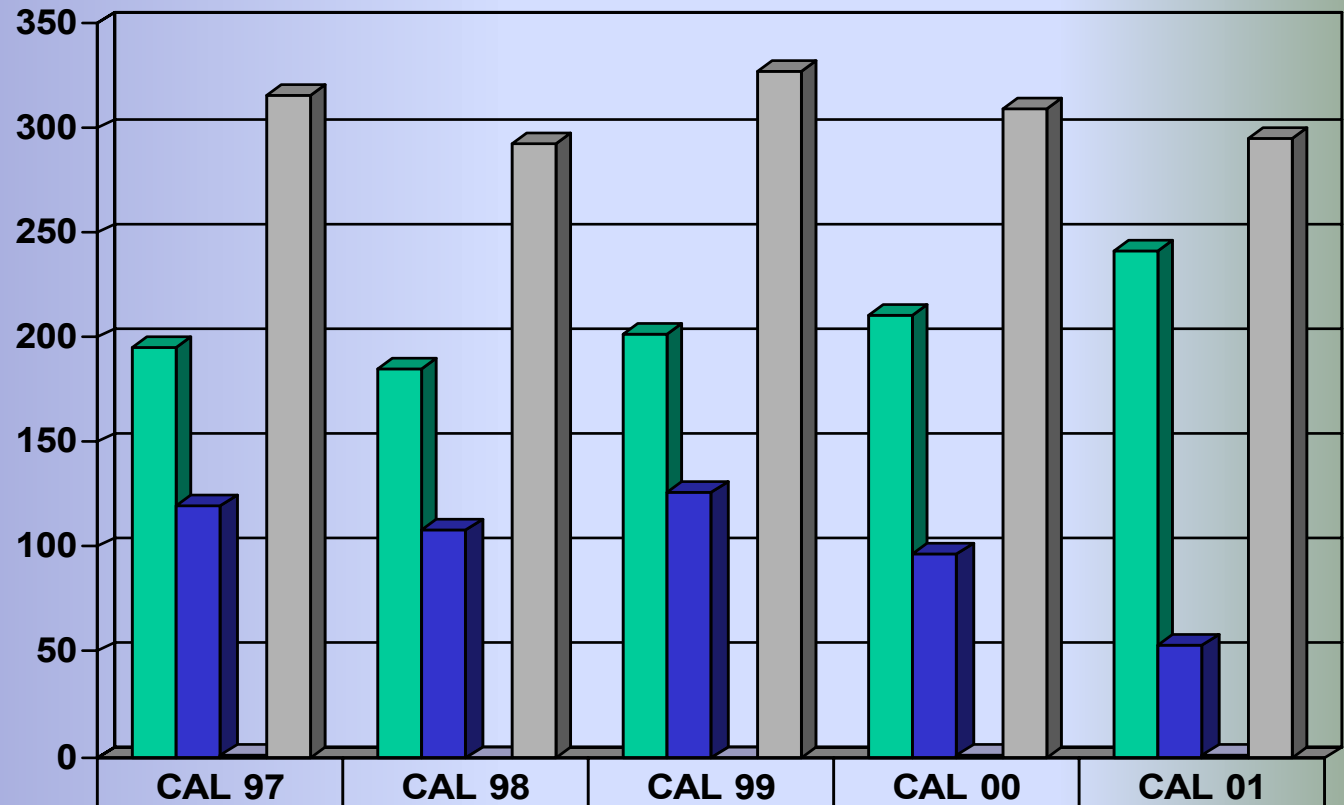
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS

The detection and arrest of impaired drivers has always been a priority of law enforcement and CY 01 shows a decrease of 14.3% over CY 00.



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

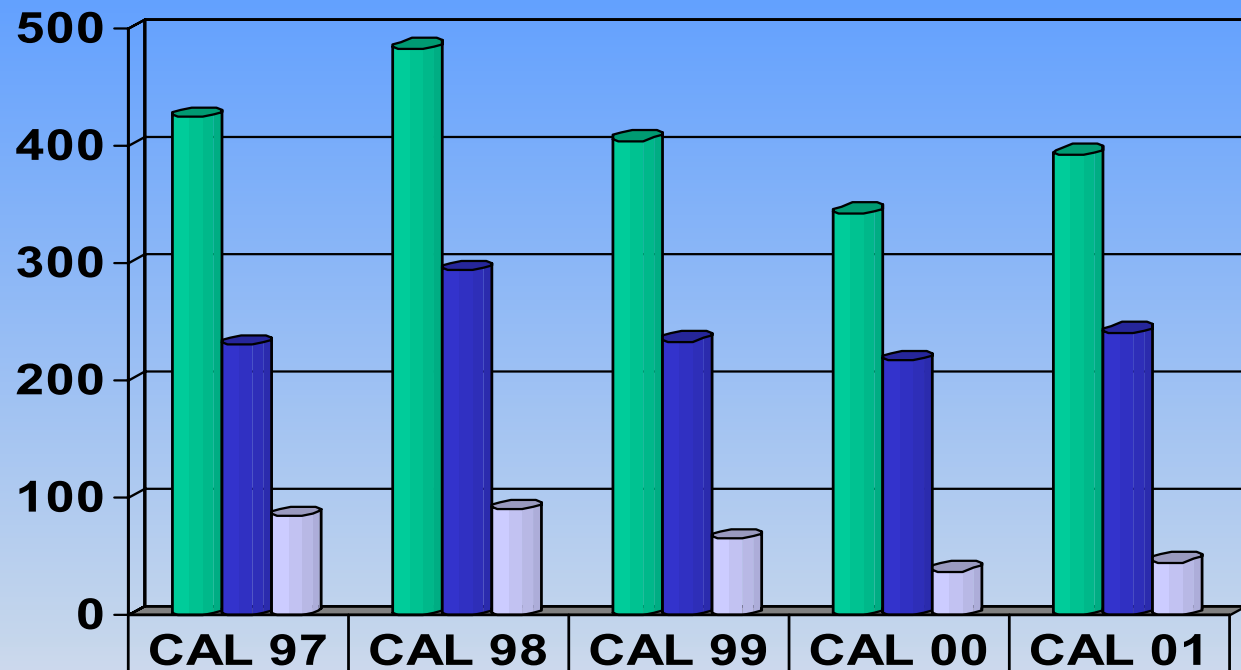
The City continues to have a low number of accidents and this year there was a 5% decrease in accidents and a 45% decrease in accidents with injuries, which is the lowest in 10 years



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	195	185	202	211	242
ACCIDENTS WITH INJURY	120	108	126	97	53
FATAL	1	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	316	293	328	309	296

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

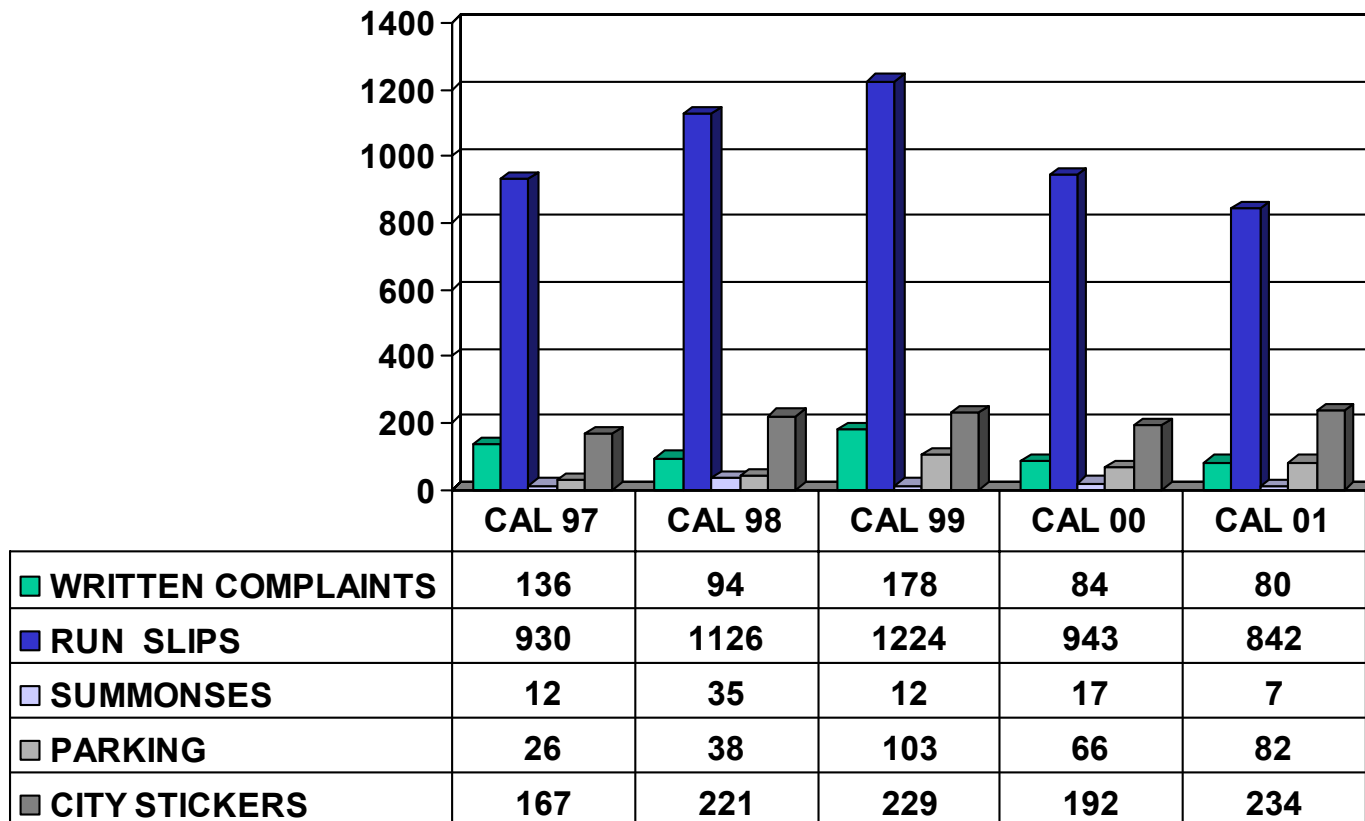
Officers assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit process and coordinate the investigation of all major crimes committed in the City. They also assist in applicant background investigations; process applications for precious metals and solicitors licenses; coordinate narcotic enforcement; and conduct special operations (preparation and service of search warrants, surveillance and regional task force participation). The Criminal Investigations Unit achieved a 61.3% closure rate for all case assigned.



CASES ASSIGNED	425	483	405	343	393
CASES CLEARED	231	294	234	217	241
ARRESTS	85	91	66	38	46

ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

The Animal Control Unit is responsible for investigation of all animal-related complaints, monitoring of impounded animals, follow-up investigations of all reported animal disease cases, and City dog licenses. The unit is also responsible for parking enforcement, City vehicle license enforcement, and assisting Communications.



COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

The Community Services Unit is responsible for providing crime prevention programs in the schools, business and residential communities. It also provides educational programs on drug awareness (DARE), bike safety, vehicle and personal safety to our primary and secondary school students. This unit is also responsible for fingerprinting and picture taking of City school employees for ID cards. At the beginning of the school year the Department assigned an officer full time to the George Mason High School under the Federal COPS Grant Program.

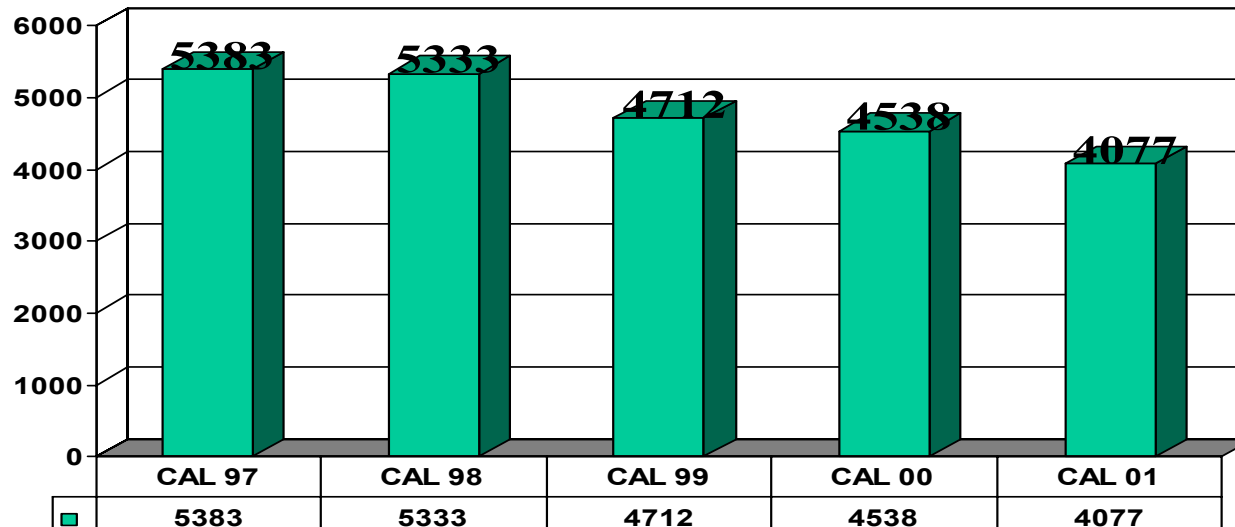
	CAL 97	CAL 98	CAL 99	CAL 00	CAL 01
Security Surveys	9	3	7	4	5
Officer Friendly Visits	51	52	49	53	60
DARE Program (1 Officers)	119	99	119	153	153
Safety Patrol Meetings	24	36	20	24	24
Community Awareness Program	86	71	73	79	82
Government Meetings	73	103	98	89	71
School Meetings	52	11	45	39	33

TRAINING

The Training Officer works closely with the administration to determine the needs of the Police Department and its personnel to keep abreast of changes in society and technology. The goal of this officer is to seek out and offer quality training to all employees resulting in a more professional and capable work force.

	<u>YR 98</u>	<u>YR 99</u>	<u>YR 00</u>	<u>YR 01</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>PCT. CHANGE</u>
BASIC	768	2304	792	1120	+328	+41.4%
ON THE JOB	432	480	480	640	+160	+33.3%
IN SERVICE	747	487	624	442	-182	-29.2%
SPECIALIZED	3386	1441	2642	1875	-767	-29.0%
TOTAL	5333	4712	4538	4077	-461	-10.2%

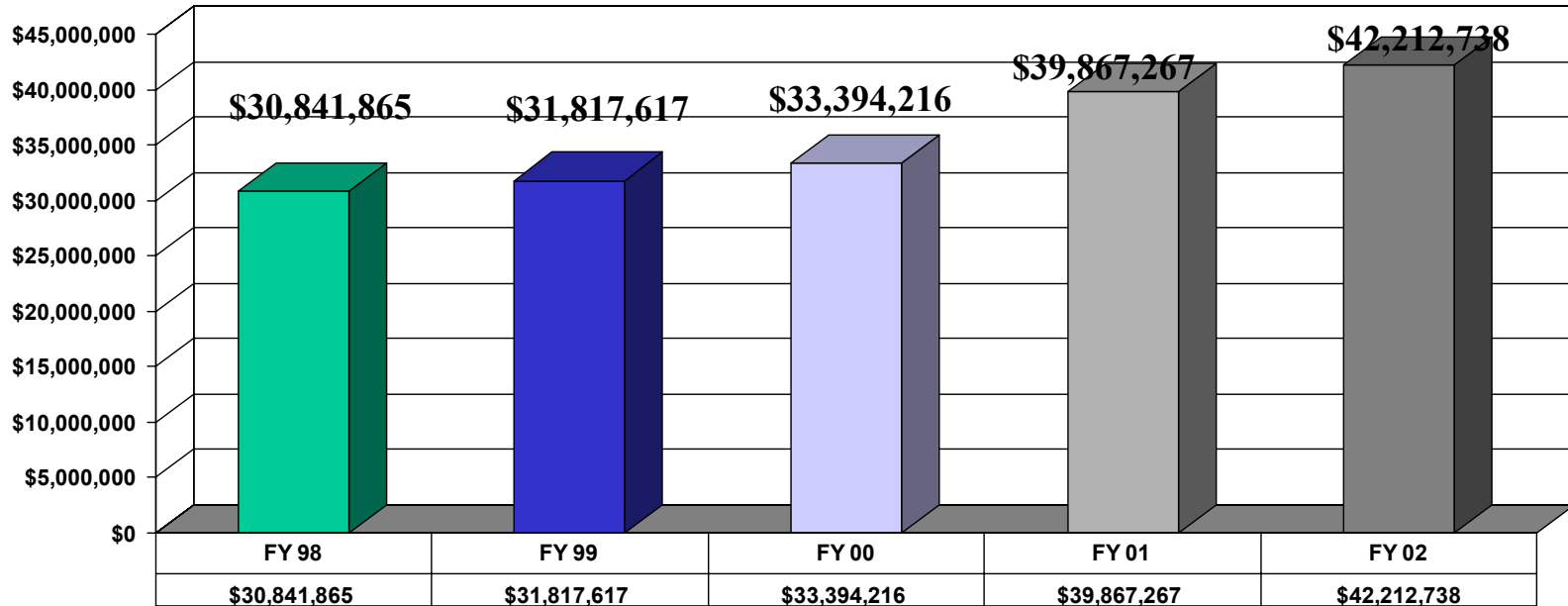
TRAINING HOURS BY CALENDAR YEAR



CITY BUDGET INCREASES (TOTAL COST)

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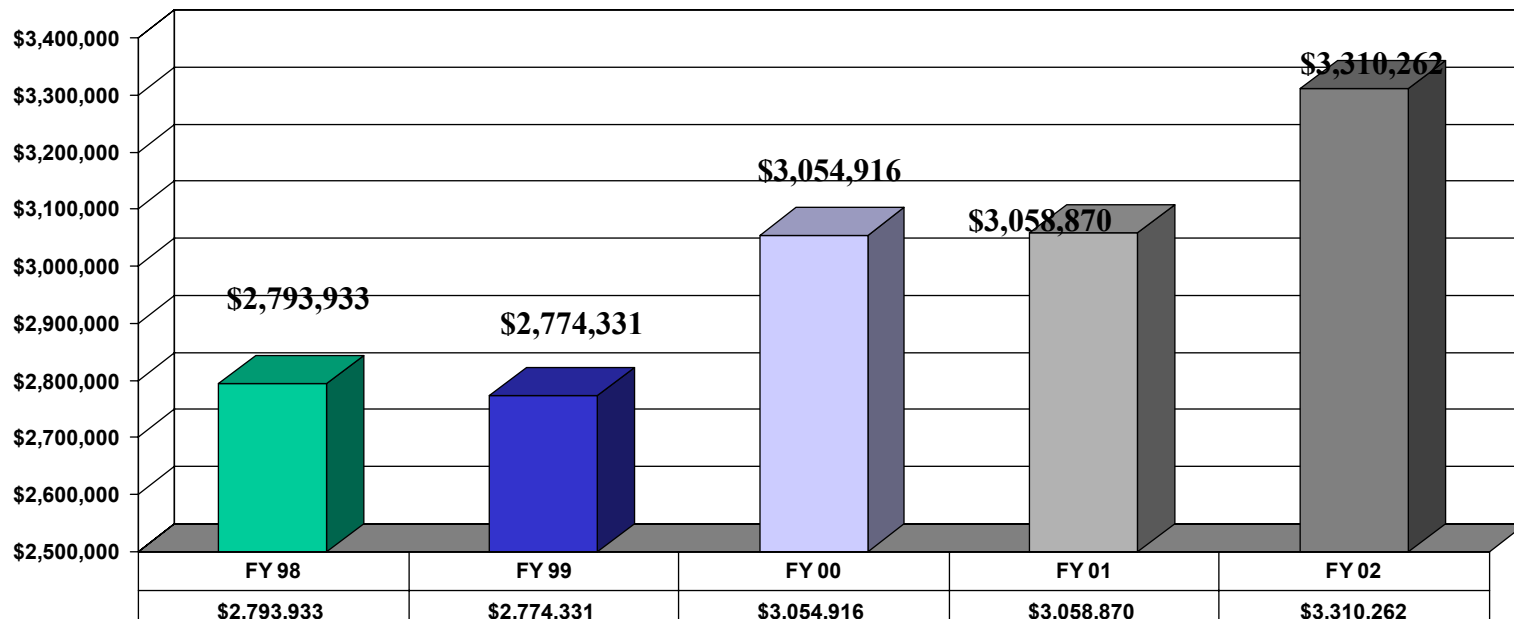
YEARS	BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE	+ - %
FY 98	\$30,408,101	\$1,409,516	+4.64%
FY 99	\$31,817,617		
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FY 00	\$33,394,216		
FY 00	\$33,394,216	\$6,473,051	+19.38%
FY 01	\$39,867,267		
FY 01	\$39,867,267	\$2,345,471	+5.9%
FY 02	\$42,212,728		



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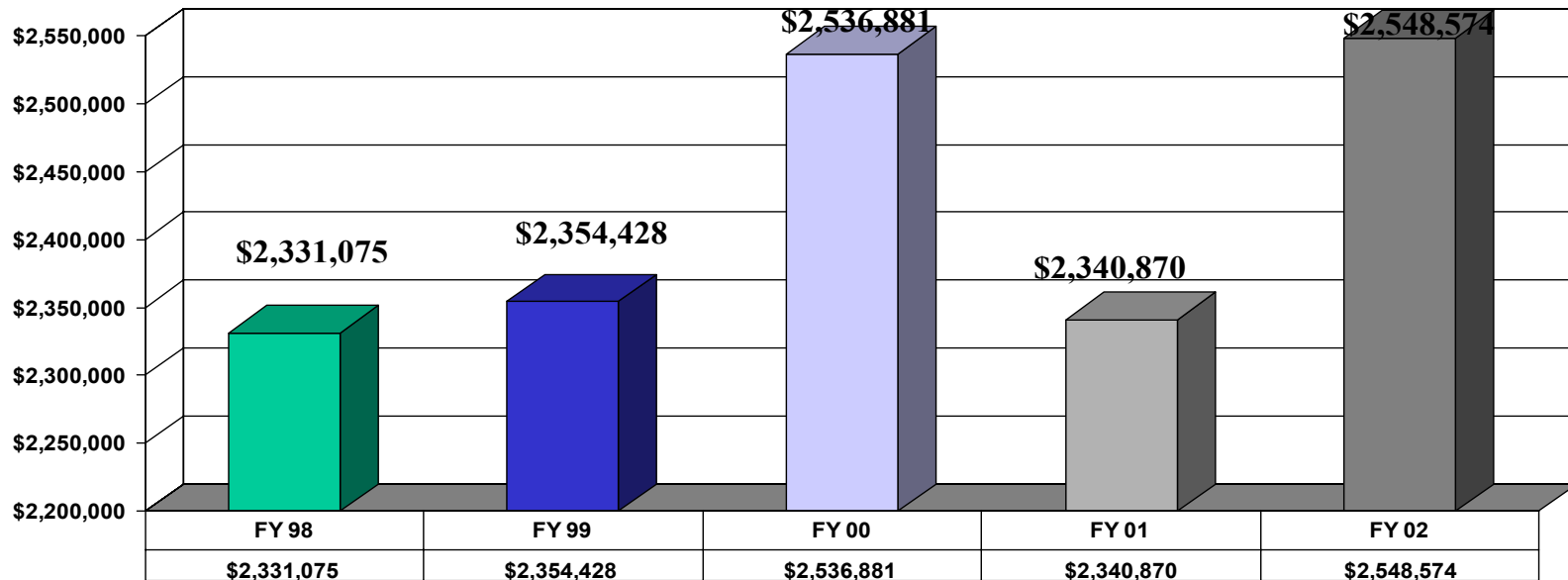
YEARS	BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE	+ - %
FY 98	\$2,793,933	(\$19,602)	-0.70%
FY 99	\$2,774,331		
FY 99	\$2,774,331	\$280,585	+10.11%
FY 00	\$3,054,916		
FY 00	\$3,054,916	\$3,954	+0.12%
FY 01	\$3,058,870		
FY 01	\$3,058,870	\$251,392	+8.2%
FY 02	\$3,310,262		



POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET INCREASES (LOCAL COST)

1998 - 2002

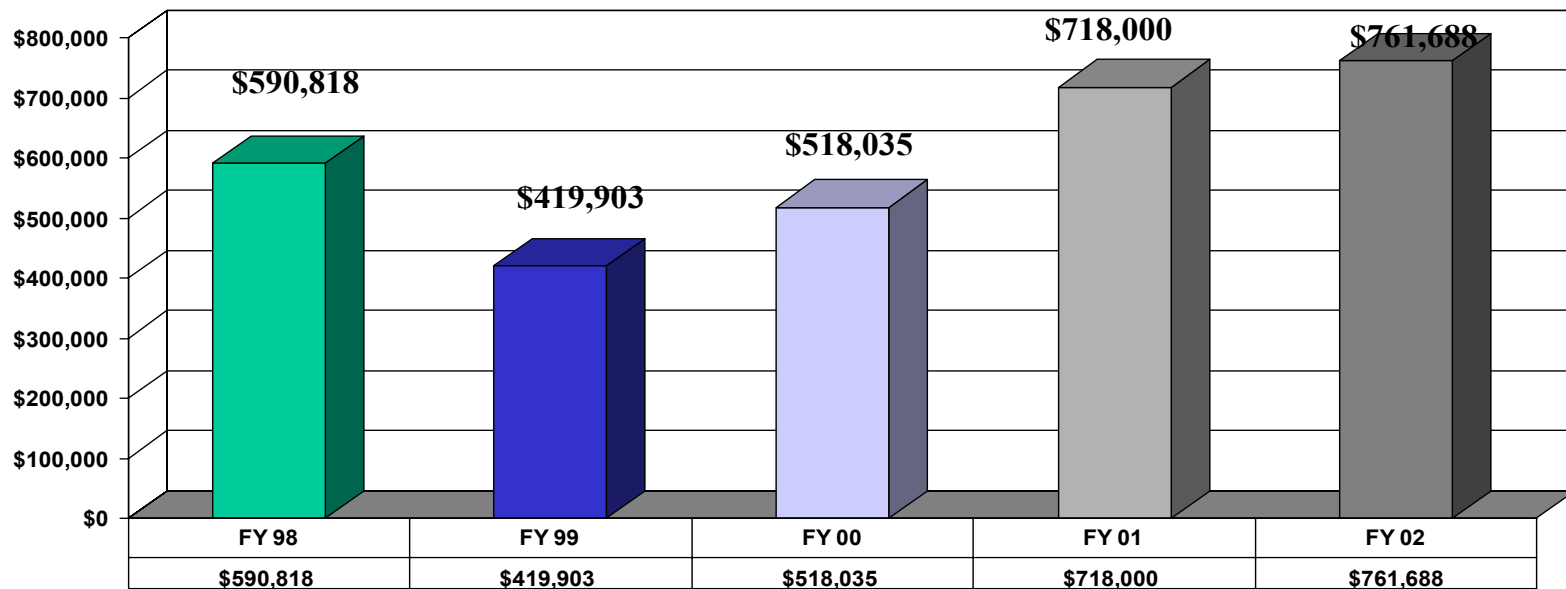
YEARS	BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE	+ - %
FY 98	\$2,331,075	\$23,353	+1%
FY 99	\$2,354,428		
FY 99	\$2,354,428	\$182,453	+7.74%
FY 00	\$2,536,881		
FY 00	\$2,536,881	(\$196,011)	-7.72%
FY 01	\$2,340,870		
FY 01	\$2,340,870	\$207,704	+8.9%
FY 02	\$2,548,574		



BUDGET SUPPORTING REVENUE

1998 - 2002

YEARS	BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE	+ - %
FY 98	\$462,858	(\$42,955)	-9.28%
FY 99	\$419,903		
FY 99	\$419,903	\$98,132	+23.37%
FY 00	\$518,035		
FY 00	\$518,035	\$199,965	+38.60%
FY 01	\$718,000		
FY 01	\$718,000	\$43,688	+6.1%
FY 02	\$761,688		



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1948 - 2001

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